

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-24 were pending and rejected. In this response, claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 5-7, 11-12, 14-17, and 19-22 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-3, 6, 12-14 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,457,056 of Choi ("Choi"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,005,841 of Kicklighter ("Kicklighter"). Claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-17 and 19-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,650,640 of Muller, et al. ("Muller").

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references, individually or in combination, discloses or suggests the specific operating states set forth in the amended independent claims 1, 6-7, 11-12, 14-17, and 19-22, particularly, the active ready state, the no provision state, a standby locked state, and a quiescent state, etc.

In addition, there is no suggestion within the cited references to combine with each other. Even if they were combined, such a combination still lacks the limitations set forth above. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 6-7, 11-12, 14-17, and 19-22 as amended are patentable over the cited references. Given that the rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that the rest of the claims are patentable over the cited references.

Claims 1, 12, 17 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kicklighter. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that Kicklighter fails to disclose the specific operating states set forth in the amended independent claims 1, 6-7, 11-12, 14-17, and 19-22, particularly, the active ready state, the no provision state, a standby locked state, and a quiescent state, etc. Therefore, independent claims 1, 6-7, 11-12, 14-17, and 19-22 as amended are not anticipated by Kicklighter. Given that the rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that the rest of the claims are not anticipated by Kicklighter. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

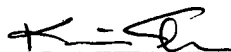
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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